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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB BENNETT'S STATEMENT DELIVERED
IN SECURITY COUNCIL AFTERNOON JULY 22:

QUOTE. IT IS INDEED HIGH TIME THAT THE CEASEFIRE TOOK
EFFECT. MY GOVT, AS IS WELL KNOWN, HAS TAKEN A
VERY ACTIVE PART IN TRYING TO SUPPLEMENT THE WORK OF THIS
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COUNCIL AND TO ARRANGE A CEASEFIRE, WITH VERY ACTIVE

DIPLOMACY IN THE CAPITALS CONCERNED. ALL PARTIES TO THE FIGHTING--CERTAINLY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AWAY FROM CYPRUS--HAVE PUBLICLY ACCEPTED THE CEASEFIRE CALL.

NOW, THE FIRING DID NOT IMMEDIATELY CEASE AT 10 O'CLOCK. I BELIEVE THAT IS FAIRLY USUAL IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES: THERE ARE MANY TECHNICAL COMPLICATIONS. BUT I WOULD CALL ON THE PARTIES TO GIVE THEIR BEST EFFORTS, AND I WOULD CALL ON THE POPULATION OF CYPRUS, SIMILARLY.

TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND ACCORDING TO OUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION, THE TWO ARMED FORCES INVOLVED--THOSE OF GREECE AND TURKEY--HAVE BEGUN TO OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL COMMUNAL FIGHTING GOING ON. THAT MAY BE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO STOP, BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN, BEFORE THIS DAY IS OVER, HAVE A GENUINE CEASEFIRE.

LET THE KILLING CEASE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS OUR PRIORITY AND PRIMARY PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE AT THIS TIME. LET US GO FORWARD WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS, AS OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE DESCRIBED THEM--NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HOLD SUCH TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE, IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME RESOLUTION OF THIS AGE-OLD PROBLEM AND ALLOW THE DECENT PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, WHATEVER THEIR HISTORICAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN, TO HAVE A LIFE OF THEIR OWN AND TO LIVE IN PEACE IN THEIR OWN WAY.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS DESCRIBED TO US THE EXTREME TESTS WHICH ARE BEING IMPOSED ON UNFICYP. MY GOVT HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED UNFICYP; IT CONTINUES TO DO SO; AND IF MORE MEN ARE NEEDED THERE, AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD SEEM TO DICTATE, THEN WE WOULD SUPPORT WHAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS OUTLINED AS A MEANS OF SUPPLEMENTING THE PRESENT FORCE.

AND SO, DESPITE THE TRAGEDY THROUGH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN LIVING--THE PEOPLES OF CYPRUS LIVING IT MOST INTENSELY OF ALL--THIS PAST WEEK. I WOULD AGREE WITH OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE THAT THIS IS A TIME FOR LOOKING FORWARD. LET US BIND UP THE WOUNDS OF WAR; LET US TRY TO LOOK AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS IN AN OBJECTIVE WAY, TO GIVE TO EACH SIDE OF THIS COMMUNAL SITUATION ITS OWN RIGHT TO EXIST SO WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO AN INDEPENDENT AND SINGLE CYPRUS. LET US GO FORWARD TOWARDS A BETTER FATE FOR CYPRUS. UNQUOTE. BENNETT

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